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Public Health- Guinea worm - Measures for control Resolution of the HEALTH OFFICERS CONFERENCE 1948 - ORDERS passed.

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From	To
Dr.R.M.Mathew, D.T.M. & H.,	The Secretary to Government,
D.P.H. M.R.C.P.,	Education and Public Health
Director of Public Health,	Department,
M A D R A S.	Fort St. George, M A D R A S.

R.No. 56296-1 Res./48, dated 27th January 1949.

Sir,

Sub: Public Health - Guineaworm control - conversion of Step wells into draw wells.

Ref: 1. Government Memo No. 16048-A-E2 P.H.,/48 dated 18th August 1948.
2. Government Memo.No.16048-A-E2/48-4/P.H., dated 7th January 1949.

The Resolution passed at the health officers' conference on the above subject with my remarks thereon has already been communicated to Government along with my letter R.No. 55660-12-P.W.R. , dated 4-12-48. Extract of item No.40 Guineaworm control is enclosed for ready reference.

Yours obedient servant,

Sd.K.S.VISWANATHAN,
for Director of Public Health, Madras.

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ITEM NO. 10. GUINEAWORM CONTROL:

5 The resolution recommends the adoption of the following measures for the control of Guineaworm infestation:-

(a) The Research Health Officer's post should not be abolished, but retained and filled up as early as possible.

(b) A mobile unit under the Research Health Officer for investigation and training of personnel in the districts should be organised.

(c) This Unit should consist of the following staff:-

Entomological Assistant.	1.
Health Inspector.	1.
Laboratory Assistant.	1.
Field Assistants.	2.
Stenographer.	1.
Peons.	2.

(d) Each of the guineaworm infested districts should employ one or two Health Inspectors and Field Assistants with a gang of labourers for control work in endemic villages. The expenditure should be met in the first instance from Provincial funds and necessary recoveries made later on from the concerned District Boards.

Items (a), (b), (c):- For an effective anti-guineaworm campaign there should be a responsible Health Officer attached to the office of the Director of Public Health to carry out field surveys on the incidence of guineaworm infestation in villages and to recommend suitable measures for its prevention and control. Monthly cholorination of step wells has given excellent results in combating the infestation. The Health Officer should require the staff outlined above. There is already an Entomological Assistant working in the Research Section. Two field assistants may be appointed in place of the existing two laboratory assistants. A stenographer and peon are already sanctioned for the section. An extra peon will be necessary.

As regards item (d), necessary proposals can be sent to the local bodies concerned for the employment of the required staff for control work in their respective areas.

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for Director of Public Health, Madras.

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